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## SGA approves student recreation center

Process clears major hurdle on  
its way to a 2009 opening date

Will York  
News Editor

The proposed \$12.5 million student recreation facility backed by Student Body President James Orr topped the agenda in Thursday night's meeting of the Student Government Association Senate with several Campus Recreation employees in attendance.

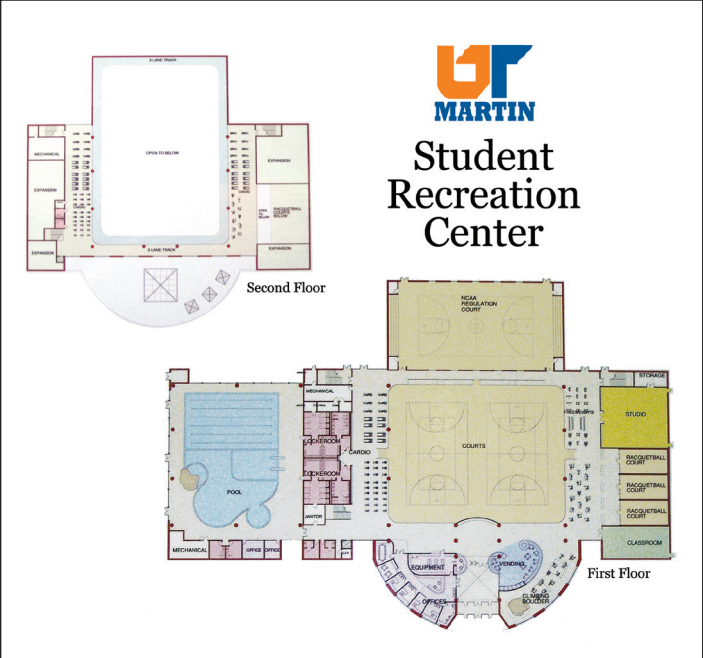
The facility, slated for completion for the Fall 2009 semester, was the topic of a forum last month in the Watkins Auditorium, with SGA leaders, Campus Recreation Director Gina McClure, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs David Belote and Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Al

Hooten giving information on the project.

The building project would bring with it a fee increase for students, dependent on what features students wish to include in the more than 80,000 square foot facility. Administrators say students would not be assessed fees until the facility becomes operational.

Sen. Jeremy Johnson brought a resolution to the floor supporting the construction of the facility, which would be built at Pacer Pond. Sen. Rebecca Dailey co-sponsored the resolution with Johnson.

Orr read letters from students supporting and opposing the center and asked senators to consider both sides of the argument.



Orr said he spoke to several student groups since the forum to gauge opinion of whether or not students want a recreational facility at all, and if they do, how

much they want included in the facility.

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Student Government

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— James Orr  
SGA President

build it all the way," Orr said.

Additionally, SGA set up an online poll through the myUTMartin portal system asking students if they support the facility's construction and how much they would be willing to pay for it.

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Campus in Mourning

## Remembering Mike Munkel

Elaine Wilson  
Staff Columnist

Mourners gathered Wednesday, Nov. 2, to honor and celebrate the life of Mike Munkel, General Manager of Sodexo Dining Services for the past 14 years.

Friends, family, and colleagues came together for a heartfelt memorial ceremony, filling the UC dining hall. The service, "Mike Munkel: A Celebration of Life", highlighted many of the stories and achievements of his 58 years of service.

On a stage created for the event, two large viewing screens flanked a podium, showing pictures that recalled various moments in Munkel's life.

David Belote, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, opened the service, saying that "Munkel was more than just a measure of his deeds; his character was both a magnet and beacon, drawing people to him and lighting up every room he entered."

"When Mike was around, sunlight followed, filling the space with life, laughter, and happiness. His motto was to celebrate the day and the life we've been given, always making room at the table for others," Belote said.

Chancellor Nick Dunagan spoke of Mike, always smiling and encouraging, and of his love for students, often telling new students that he was going to be their new "mom or dad" while they were enrolled here, and meaning every word.

Dr. Phil Watkins, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Emeritus, recalled that Munkel didn't know what defeat was.

"If a battle was lost, he simply saw that as another challenge. If a task was difficult or said to be impossible to do, he not only found a way, he made it fun in the process."

"This was the 'M&M effect.' Mike loved M&Ms, and anything to do with them, often saying they were really named for him. His M&M effect on others was to make them realize that they were so much more inside than they imagined they could be or appeared to be on the outside," Watkins said.

Next to speak was Bro. Fady Al-Hagal, Minister of Exciting Southside Baptist Church, and a close friend and neighbor, who delivered a spiritual eulogy and prayer, challenging everyone to "make room for God on campus and in their lives, echoing Mike's belief to make room at the table as Christ makes room for us."

Haley Simmons, a UTM student, followed by reading a poem titled "I Met Such a Man", written by Darrell Simmons in honor of Mike's children.

In tribute to Munkel, bowls of M&Ms had been placed on each table. Alumni Affairs director Charley Deal led a toast, asking everyone to take a few, and raise their hands in honor to Mike Munkel, "family man, best man, and biggest Skyhawk fan. God bless and God speed."



Mike Munkel



Students Meredith Woodard and Josh Ratliff of the UTM Geology Department painstakingly apply sealant to the tusks to preserve them for future study.

## Fishing trip nets mammoth tusks

Kevin Teets  
Senior Reporter

Alumni donations to the university usually come in the form of money. But, on seldom occasions, contributions come in different forms, including ivory tusks.

UTM alumnus James "Robby" Clapper and his father Jon began their Alaska fishing vacation by being flown into the remote wilderness of Alaska in a small single prop plane. They had a shotgun to protect them from grizzly bears and fishing poles to catch Alaskan Salmon. As they were the only humans in the wilderness within 100 miles, they certainly knew that they would be taking away memories and great fishing stories. They didn't think that they would be taking away a pair of ivory tusks from what is believed to be a Columbian mammoth.

"We were casting for salmon and trout when we first came around a sharp bend in the river when Dad first spotted the tusks," Clapper says. "They were about three

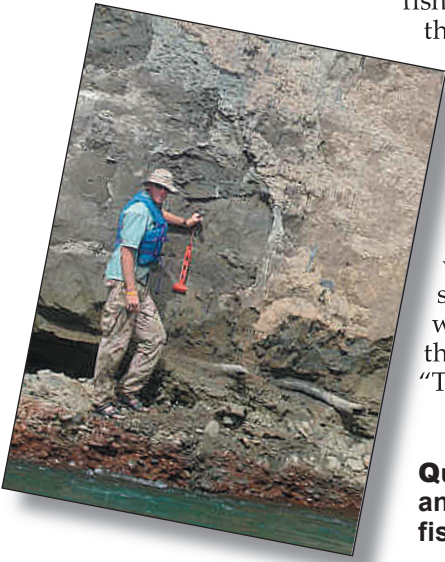
feet above the water with the proximal sides of the tusks sticking out of the cliff and the distal sides, the points, along with the majority of the tusks embedded in the clay," Clapper says.

Clapper says that he and his father were the first people down the Aniak River since the spring melt and floods that left the tusks exposed in the river bank. After assessing the situation, they decided to get out of their boat and extract the tusks. This would be a task that would take time and that was first met with difficulties.

"The first attempt to land me on the other bank ended up with me swimming because I misjudged the jump from the raft to the bank. The situation was a tad hectic due to the steep bank, lack of a landing area and the fast current in the bend. The second time I jumped from the inflatable canoe and got on the bank," Clapper says.

Clapper and his father had no real equipment to excavate the tusks, but they were able to improvise using a small tent stake mallet and fashioned some

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Quite a Find — Alumnus James "Robby" Clapper and his father discovered the tusks while on a fishing trip in Alaska



Our View

Editorial: Your voice was heard on proposed recreation center

Gina McClure and Campus Recreation scored a major victory this past Thursday for a new student recreation center when SGA voted overwhelmingly to approve the proposal, with only one dissenting vote.

This comes after two weeks of online polling, where 57 percent of the more than 2,000 voters who logged in to the myUTMportal cast their vote for one of three “yes” categories.

Campus Recreation officials made their rounds to greek and other student organizations to drum up support. It is evident that this door-to-door service made the difference in the final vote.

If you were not a member of one of these groups, as the majority of student body is not, you may have

missed your opportunity to weigh in on a proposal that will affect students for many years to come.

For example, one of the lines repeated throughout this process was to “tell your senators what you think about the proposal.”

Students seize rare opportunity to shape campus

This is always a good idea, but a look at the SGA Web site gives you the roster from the last session, not the current. The directory says that a list of your senators is “coming soon.”

But even with a shortage of information, the opportunity existed to have your voice heard. The SGA meetings are open to everyone, and its meeting schedule is fairly regular.

To the 43 percent who opposed this measure, your vote was counted. Whether it will have any bearing on the eventual outcome, however, remains to be seen.

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Is it a sign? Lewd acts now legal in Oregon

This nation that we live in is undoubtedly one of the greatest ever to exist. Vast in size, we are varied in religious practices, background and temperament. Each region of the country has its own dialect, cuisine, and culture.

With all of these differences, we still somehow manage to overcome them and unite, and pass laws that are for the greater good of all. We've grown and adapted through the years, changing social inequalities and improving lives.

There are times however, when decisions are made by those in power that both baffle and go against everything we hold dear.

Oregon's decision to remove restrictions prohibiting “live sex shows” and close contact by nude dancers is beyond any sane per-



Elaine Wilson  
Staff Columnist

son's comprehension.

The Oregon Supreme Court recently struck down as unconstitutional a state law that banned conducting live sex shows, and also voted to allow nude dancers to approach customers instead of remaining at least four feet away as they had done before.

In the pair of 5-1 decisions, the Justices stated that the previous restrictions were a violation of the state Constitution's guarantee of freedom of speech and free expression. Oregon's Constitution states, “No law shall be passed restraining the free expres-

sion of opinion, or restricting the right to speak, write or print freely on any subject whatever.”

In writing the majority opinions in both cases, Justice Michael Gillette said, “It appears to us to be beyond reasonable dispute that the protection extends to the kinds of expression that a majority of citizens in many communities would dislike – and even to physical acts, such as nude dancing or other explicit sexual conduct that have an expressive component.”

In other words, anyone can obtain a license, open a business, and hire people to have sex on stage, in full view of paying customers, and law enforcement officers have no power whatsoever to shut down the business. Apparently, having sex in public is nothing

more than freedom of speech. Gone are the days when sex was a personal expression between two people, conducted in privacy.

And yet, Oregon has outlawed the simple practice of pumping your own gas. Apparently the powers that be believe that their citizens can't be entrusted with this dangerous task, and must be protected for their own good.

So, if having sex in public is freedom of expression and speech, what exactly are they trying to say? The only statement that I hear being expressed is that Oregon's Supreme Court Justices have collectively lost their so-called minds. It's time that someone protected the people from them.

Pass recreation center for future UTM students

Have you ever wanted the opportunity to do something great that will impact a large group of people? Do you ever wonder how the people that do get started? Well, now is your chance to be one of those people that does something monumental for UTM. It starts with each one of us exercising our right as a student to vote.

Get Active! Don't let this great opportunity to improve our campus pass us by. We are the ones with the influence to put this plan into action and if this opportunity isn't exercised then it will be lost. This is a chance to make a difference for the future of UTM. Did you know that UTM is the only university in Tennessee with over 4,000 students that does not have a facility



Jenny Lannom  
Guest Columnist

dedicated solely to student recreation? UTM will be much more competitive for students with this type facility. Student ambassadors feel that this facility would be a great selling point during their presentations to the students that visit this campus.

I'm sure you can tell by now where I stand on this proposal, but let me tell you more about why.

Many of you have already heard the proposal and have heard the numbers, but as a reminder: over 3,000 students participated

in intramurals on 248 teams last year and over 42,000 people utilized the fitness center, over 53,000 students used the Elam Center for recreational purposes. Recreation is a big part of the lives of many students here at UTM. This is not only for those who enjoy these facilities and programs now, but also for those who will in the future.

Don't let the vote slip by because you think it doesn't affect you. It does! Sure, you may not be paying the facility debt, but you will have the satisfaction of knowing that the students in the future will not have to wait in line for a treadmill like you did; they won't be kicked off a basketball court because an athletic team has to practice, and they will always have a place open

for them to workout and enjoy because it was built for THEM and THEY are top priority.

This is very important and as I said earlier, we are the ones with the decision to make. I know when the SGA vote comes Thursday that you all will have put forth the effort to get this proposal passed and we will have another reason to be proud to be students at UT Martin.

Thank you for your time in reading this and don't forget to get active!

SGA passed the recreation center last Thursday. Article about the recreation center appears on Page 1.

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# UT President Petersen discusses system’s plan at UTM

Kevin Teets  
Senior Reporter

University of Tennessee President John Petersen spoke to campus and community leaders at UTM last week about a strategic plan designed to strengthen academic and research programs throughout the five-campus system. Petersen also met with students in the University Scholars Program and listened to them debate the pros and cons of foreign language classes being required at all pre-collegiate grade levels.

During a luncheon at the chancellor’s residence, Petersen told legislators and community leaders that he had vowed to start the discussion of higher education needs early in advance of the next Tennessee General Assembly. “It is far better for us to sit down together and work on what it is we need to do for higher education and how we can both work together,” Petersen said.

Petersen explained that he wanted to see UTM and other UT schools closer to their peer groups in funding higher education. To get there, it will mean addi-



**UT System President Dr. John Petersen (right) met with University Scholars Katie Price (left) and Katelyn Busmann (center) along with the Freshman Scholars class during his visit to UTM last week. Petersen sat in on the Scholars’ Critical Thinking and Debates class, and Scholars debated the pros and cons of foreign language classes. Petersen spoke to UTM leaders about the system’s strategic plan.**

tional funds from the state legislature and/or additional funds from tuition increases.

Petersen’s initial plan includes a request for \$142 million in additional state

funding. Funding is also anticipated from a UT fundraising campaign, slated to begin in 2006.

Petersen cited UTM FY 2006 funding levels in a comparison with

a peer group of universities that is designated by the Tennessee Higher Education Association.

“We’re close, but we’re lower than the average of that peer group,” said

Petersen. He noted what it would take in FY 2007 to move UTM to the average funding level of that peer group and then to the upper one-third of the group. With the FY 2006

## Administration

UTM funding per full-time student at \$9,781, it would take an additional \$392 per student to reach the average funding level of the peer group and \$1,009 to be in the upper one-third.

“... I think we’ve got a gem here (UTM) and I think we’ve got a university system that has a greater opportunity than any other I know of in the country right now to go forward,” Petersen said.

Petersen’s two-day visit to UTM ended with a visit to the Tennessee room of the Honors Building where he listened to freshmen university scholars debate about requiring foreign languages to be taken by students in all K-12 schools.

Chancellor Nick Dunagan and Provost Tom Rakes also stayed to listen to the scholars debate. After the debate, Rakes became involved in the discussion about the possibility of implementing foreign language requirements.

Honors Director Dan McDonough was the debate moderator.

# New minor to bring Canada to Martin

Alys Hill  
Staff Writer

Beginning in Spring 2006, UTM will be offering students a minor in Canadian Studies.

The minor will give interested students a foundation in the geography, history and politics of the United States’ neighbor to the north by combining coursework at UTM with study-abroad opportunities at an approved Canadian institution.

Dr. Paul Crapo, UTM’s Director for Global Studies, has been instrumental in charge of getting this minor in place.

“We started working on this three years ago,” says Crapo. “It takes quite a long time to get a program like this approved and ready for students.”

Crapo says that the idea came after years of sending students who were studying French to the University of Quebec at Chicoutimi to participate in a French immersion program. According to Crapo, the experiences the students had were always very positive. He felt that UTM had a great connection to Canada.

Three years ago, Crapo talked to the ad hoc committee that discussed ways to bring more opportunities to UTM, about adding a Canadian Studies minor to UTM’s curriculum program. Members on the committee included Dr. David Coffey, Dr. Lynn Alexander, Professor Angie

MacKewn and others. The committee felt that the idea of a Canadian Studies minor would be a great addition to UTM. They then began to discuss and plan on how to get the program together and what courses it would consist of.

The next step was to have the Department of Modern and Foreign Languages to propose the program to the College of Humanities and Fine Arts in Fall 2004. The proposal passed and had to go before the Undergraduate Council, then to the Senate to be approved. The Senate approved the proposal in late April of this year.

Crapo wrote a grant proposal to the Canadian government requesting grant money to fund the program. The grant consisted of a list of courses to be taught and goals that UTM felt that the minor would achieve. Canada approved Crapo’s request.

Though there are no target students for new Canadian Studies minor, Crapo says those pursuing degrees in French, Business, Agriculture, Communications and any of the liberal arts, such as English and history would benefit greatly.

“This minor will add a new dimension to any major. Being knowledgeable about Canada will make a person pursuing a job after graduation stand out among the other applicants,” says Crapo.

Crapo says that he believes that this minor is important because it will give

students an opportunity to have an international experience. The second reason is that, according to Crapo, Canada is the United States largest trading partner and greatest ally.

“People don’t realize how many ties America has with Canada,” says Crapo. “In West Tennessee alone, there are 16 Canadian companies. Included in those are Norandal in Huntingdon and Quebecor. Even MTD here in Martin has a very large plant in Ontario, Canada.”

“We are expecting about 10 or 15 students who will go ahead and start the program. These students may participate in the travel-study this coming summer, and they will come back and give reports to their peers. That is the main way to get the word out,” says Crapo. “Students are our best ambassadors.”

Nathan Bonar, 19, a sophomore French major from Clarksville is planning on being one the first students to participate in the new program.

“I feel that it is going to be a great program and a lot of people will benefit from it,” he says. “I am really looking forward to the opportunity this program will provide for me to broaden my horizons.”

The second phase of publicizing the program will take place next spring. The grant money that the Canadian government awarded to UTM for the Canadian Studies program will go towards a Featured

## Canadian Studies minor

- 18 hours
- Includes courses in geography, history, politics, economics
- Incorporates travel-study
- Funded partially through grant from Canada, set to expand in Spring 2007
- First class offering is IDST 250, offered Spring 2006.
- Requires three semesters of French and study abroad.

Countries of Canada Series and a Feature Films of Canada Series. These events will make students aware that the opportunity exists to study more in-depth about Canada.

In addition to the Canadian Studies minor, Crapo is also excited to announce that plans are in order to introduce a minor in Latin-American Studies next fall.

“The bottom line is that we believe that it is crucial for students to get out and to study abroad. This program takes place in a risk-free environment and is not very costly because of its proximity to the U.S.,” says Crapo.

The curriculum for the minor includes 18 credits which include a Canadian foundation course and nine hours of coursework which must be completed abroad at a Canadian institution such as Chicoutimi.

# New organization takes on minority journalism affairs

## Staff Reports

The National Association of Black Journalists has made a comeback at UTM.

NABJ made its first appearance at UTM in 2001, but after two years, it dwindled away from lack of participation.

But a determined communications major and a willing professor helped revive the club.

Kenetra Robertson, president of NABJ, helped spearhead efforts to bring the club back, and Professor Dorothea Norton agreed

to serve as faculty adviser.

N A B J was founded by 44 men and women in 1975 in Washington, D.C. The purpose of NABJ was to give African-American professionals and students an opportunity to express their feelings, wants and desires among each other. The association functions on a six-point value system, the most important tenet being the strengthening of ties among black journalists.”

President Kenetra Robertson is pleased with the renaissance of NABJ at UTM.

“I’m just glad to have people behind me who are hard-working, dedicated and loyal to what we are trying to do, not only here

at UTM but the national cause as well,” Robertson said.

In less than a semester on campus, NABJ has completed two fundraisers for their organization, including taking up donations at Homecoming and holding a bake sale at the latest Skyhawk football game. NABJ plans on holding another bake sale at the Nov. 17 home game.

NABJ officers include Chris Turner, Ashley Hodges and India Dean.

“I am glad to be a part of something that I can

believe in, and working with people that are focused on the goals at hands is a

plus as well,” said Treasurer India Dean.

Although NABJ’s namesake targets African-American students, the organizations leaders say it is open to everyone, and they encourage membership.

Meetings are at 12:20 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the Gooch Communications Reading Room.

“We’re glad to get a foot on campus, but now we have to do something to bring our membership up and make the campus aware of what we do,” Robertson said.



# Campus Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer’s “Campus Bulletin Board” section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to [pacer\\_news@utm.edu](mailto:pacer_news@utm.edu) or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

## AKPsi talent show

Alpha Kappa Psi will be holding their talent show at 7 p.m. tonight in the Watkins Auditorium.

## Phi Kappa Phi

The Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society will be holding the 2005 Fall Faculty Lecture at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Watkins Auditorium. Dr. Ernest Moser will speak on “The Future of Baccalaureate Education: Business and Beyond.” A student recognition ceremony will follow the presentation.

## Flu shots

Student Health will be offering this year’s flu vaccination tomorrow in the UC at a cost of \$20. Students will receive first priority from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. After 10 a.m., faculty and staff shots will be administered.

## Campus interview

Computer Services, Inc. will be holding interviews for the position of system programmer November 15.

Computer Science, OIS and MIS majors are encouraged to interview. The opening is in Paducah, Ky., and knowledge of Cobol is required. For more information, contact Employment Information Services in UC 215.

## Open Forum Bible Study

This week, the Bible forum will discuss the mind and whether or not a sound mind is relevant today or a remnant of the past. The forum meets at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in UC 209. This semester’s theme is “The Mind, the Will, the Heart.”

## Global Studies presentation

Dr. John Overby will be discussing the highlights of UTM’s travel-study opportunities in Spain from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday in the UC Legislative Chambers.

## Red Cross benefit

There will be a benefit concert beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Watkins Auditorium to benefit the American Red Cross.

## Entrepreneurship consultation

Ron Acree, a consultant of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center, will offer advice for budding entrepreneurs for developing a business plan, marketing and record-keeping. Consultations are one-on-one, confidential and free. Acree will be available for consultation from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at UTM’s REED Center, located at 920 University St.

## ChiO Pig Out

Chi Omega will be holding their 15th annual Pig Out Barbecue from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Student Life Center. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$5 or \$6 at the door. The event is co-sponsored by the Weakley County UTM Alumni Chapter.

## FMA Fall Coat Drive

The Fashion Merchandising Association is holding its coat drive. Bring your old coats to boxes in dorms or Gooch 343. FMA will be collecting until Nov. 15.



Poll: Continued from Cover

Orr told senators that with 2,028 participants in the poll, 872, or 43 percent, opposed constructing the facility.

Six percent of participants supported the university-backed proposal to assess students an \$80 per semester fee. That proposal would include four basketball courts but would not include a swimming pool.

Twenty percent of SGA poll participants voted to support building a recreation facility that would include three basketball courts and a swimming pool. Thirty-one percent of participants supported constructing a facility that would include four basketball courts and a swimming pool at a price tag of \$103 per student per semester.

Even though the largest plurality of students voted not to build a facility, Orr said senators should look at everyone who voted “yes” and “no.” Orr said 1,156, or 57 percent, voted for some derivative of “yes,” while 872 voted “no.”

Orr said he strongly recommended that the Senate pass the resolution.

Johnson and Dailey’s resolution states that SGA “strongly supports the building of a Student Recreational Facility” provided that students not be charged fees for the facility until the building is in use; faculty, staff and administration who wish to use the facility would be charged as much or more than the student fee; the facility will be geared for student recreation and intramurals and athletic practices, games and events will not take place in the facility.

The resolution also states that if those stipulations are not met, then SGA opposes the construction of the facility.

During debate on the resolution, Johnson recommended an amendment that SGA support building the facility with four basketball courts and a swimming pool, which would cost students \$103 per semester. Johnson’s amendment passed with one

dissention from Sen. Ryan Mouser.

The Senate further amended the resolution to say that SGA “reserves the right to approve plans before construction of the new recreation facility.”

Sen. Emre Serbest expressed skepticism over Senate passing the resolution without student approval.

“Whereas I am not against it, but there is big opposition and since the opposition is fairly big and since this is such a large capital project, I suggest taking this resolution to university-wide referendum,” Serbest said.

No further action on Serbest’s proposed referendum was made.

Some senators expressed interest in including a bowling alley and other amenities, and Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs David Belote said that the plans belong to the students.

“There is a plan. What we have is a floor plan, a rendition,” Belote said. “They’re going to do it like you want it.”

In a roll-call vote, senators approved the resolution with only Ryan Mouser voting in opposition.

In other SGA business:

- Chris Cherry of the Procedures Committee presented a workshop and question-and-answer session on parliamentary procedure.
- A motion to impeach Sen. Harrison Woodard for absenteeism was tabled until the Nov. 17 Senate meeting. Woodard has amassed three and one-half absences this semester.
- The Senate unanimously approved Senate Resolution 5, which recognizes Mike Munkel for his longtime service to UTM and resolves that the first Sunday in November be entitled “Mike Munkel Appreciation Day.”

Tusks: Continued from Cover

crude tools out tent stakes wrapped with duct tape that would be used as handles.

They also took some measures to make sure that the tusks wouldn’t fall out into the river and be lost. “I attached parachute cord to a tent stake that I stuck in the clay above the tusks and secured the other end to the tusks so if the bank gave away we wouldn’t lose the tusks,” Clapper explained.

After more than two hours of excavation, they had removed the tusks. “The idea of touching and seeing something that no living creature had for thousands of years was a pretty amazing feeling for us all. Needless to say we were

elated when we were finally able to realize their full size and beauty,” Clapper says.

A week later, Clapper brought the tusks back to Tennessee. He then decided to donate them to UTM in the care of Professor Helmut Wenz.

“I brought them to Dr. Wenz for several reasons. First of all after having known Dr. Wenz for the last two years I knew that he and his department would take good care of them and could tell me scores of information about the tusks. Secondly I saw it as a way to give back to the university. Lastly, I believe that finds of this nature should not be kept in a private collection somewhere but should have the chance

to be studied and used to enlighten us about the past,” Clapper says.

Students in the Methods of Zooarchaeology course at UTM are getting the opportunity to preserve the tusks. Wenz, who teaches the course, says that he believes the tusks are from a Columbian mammoth, which is a close species of the Woolly Mammoth. Wenz also says that the mammoth is a young adult as he has seen larger tusks from this species.

“It is great to have these tusks at UTM. They will go on display soon in the EPS building and stay here at UTM for as long as Robby likes,” Wenz says.

Diversity Week stresses empathy

Staff Reports

Diversity Week, sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs, the Student Activities Council and the Student Government Association, will feature a different event each day.

This year’s theme is “Seeing Ourselves in Each Other.”

Diversity week began Monday in the Watkins Auditorium with J. J. Kent, an American Indian of the Lakota tribe, speaking about American Indian culture and problems facing many American Indians today.

**Tonight**, Pinpoints Theatre, an educational theater group out of Washington D.C., will present “The Meeting” at 7 p.m. in the Student Life Center. “The Meeting”

depicts a fictional account of what would happen if Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X had met before they were assassinated.

**Tomorrow**, At 7 p.m. a diversity rally will be held in the Student Life Center. UTM student organizations will have a chance to promote their organizations at the rally.

**Thursday**, at 5 p.m. there will be a flag ceremony at the University Center. “One of the biggest things is Thursday night, the flag ceremony,” said SGA President James Orr. “We’ve purchased the flags that represent each country of international students here at UTM.” Flags will be hung in the UC after the event. Chancellor Nick Dunagan will speak at the flag ceremony.

Police Report

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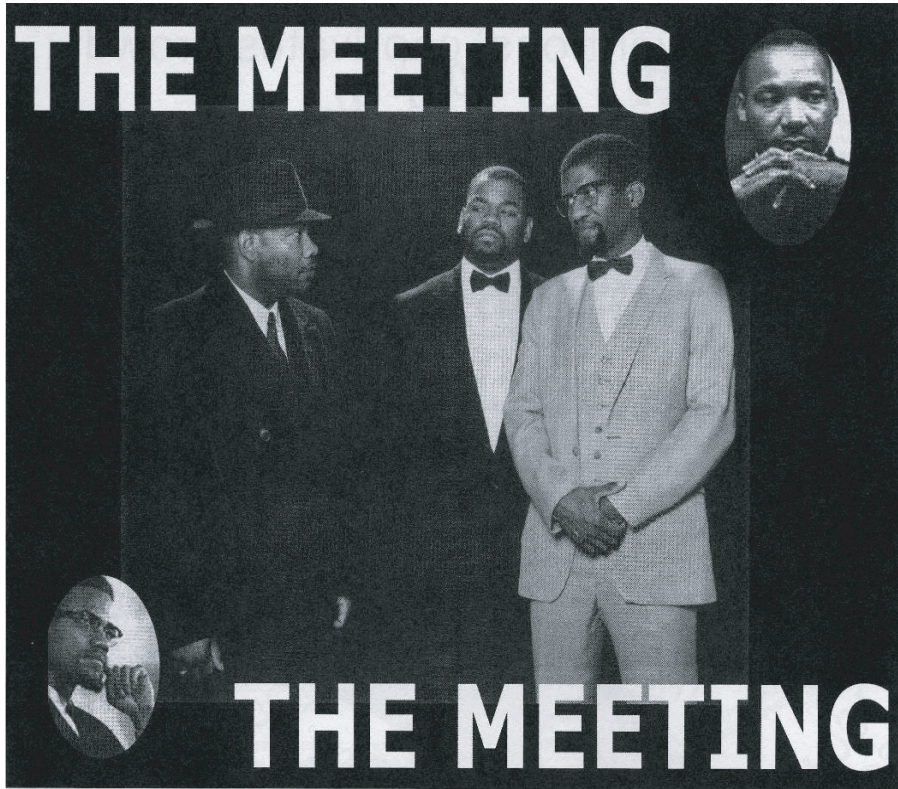
<b>11:00 a.m. Monday Lot 2</b> Subject reported to be passed out in the lot and was treated on the scene by EMS. Subject refused transport.	<b>11:02 a.m. Wednesday University St</b> Andrew M. McFalls was issued a citation for speeding.	one of the hallway doors. (Investigation continues)
<b>11:30 a.m. Monday University St</b> Hailey L Woodward was issued a citation for expired license plate. (City Court)	<b>11:53 p.m. Wednesday University Village</b> Report of an argument between two subjects. The situation was over before officers arrived and one subject had departed the area.	<b>7:42 a.m. Friday University Courts</b> Husein M. Husein was arrested for domestic assault. (General Sessions Court)
<b>1:17 p.m. Monday Lovelace St</b> Lorrie A. Jackson was issued a citation for expired license plate. (City Court)	<b>12:45 p.m. Thursday Lot 1</b> Subject reported his vehicle had been damaged some time over the previous weekend. (Report on File)	<b>9:09 a.m. Friday Fine Arts</b> Report of university equipment stolen from the building. (Investigation continues)
<b>10:12 a.m. Tuesday Old Fulton Rd</b> Traffic accident involving a university and private vehicle. (Report on File)	<b>10:49 a.m. Thursday Lot 5</b> Vehicle towed due to excessive amount of parking tickets.	<b>10:09 a.m. Friday Gooch Hall</b> Subject reported some of their personal property stolen. (Investigation continues)
<b>10:12 a.m. Tuesday UTM Farm</b> Vandalism to university property. (Investigation continues)	<b>10:21 a.m. Thursday Lot 5</b> Subject reported their vehicle was involved in a hit and run. (Investigation continues)	<b>11:56 a.m. Friday Humanities</b> Subject reported they had fallen and injured their knee and was treated at the scene by EMS and refused transport.
<b>10:34 a.m. Tuesday Ellington Hall</b> Subject reported someone had used their UTM Skyhawk card illegally. (Investigation continues)	<b>11:28 p.m. Thursday Browning Hall</b> Report of vandalism to	<b>9:30 p.m. Saturday Hannings Lane</b> Bradley R. Wheat was arrested for DUI and Tyler S. Asher was issued a citation for underage drinking. (General Sessions Court)

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# BCM gets down at Barn Party

**Rebecca McClure**  
*Asst. Arts & Entertainment Editor*

Students of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry celebrated with some down-on-the-farm fun at the annual Barn Party event, which was held Saturday, Nov. 5th at the UTM Live-stock Pavilion.

Entertainment included a free concert by Jon Brennan, a country music artist who gained fame for his appearance on the first season of MTV's "Real World/ Los Angeles" in 1992.

Brennan described his 22 weeks on the show as "very, very stressful." Since the cameras were always rolling and following the cast members everywhere, Brennan felt "... like I was second-guessing everything."

However, he also felt like he gained a lot from the experience, saying "... it was a great growing experience, learning about other people," and has enjoyed the subsequent reunion shows and spin-offs that he's participated in since the actual "Real World" show.

In the mid-1990s, Brennan tried to use his exposure on

"The Real World" to launch a career in country music. He toured all over the nation, opening for groups such as Alabama, Shenandoah, Diamond Rio, Marty Stuart, George Jones, and others. He even released his own album, entitled *Round Trip Ticket*.

However, in 1998 he decided to make a departure from country music to pursue a career as a worship leader. Currently, he is working with the music and youth ministry in Owensboro, Ky.

Brennan performed covers of many well-known country favorites, and then led the group in several contemporary praise choruses. About the dual nature of his music, Brennan said that he had no agenda for his country performances, saying, "I think that as long as you watch your lyric content, God doesn't have a problem with it."

In addition to Brennan's performance, activities included a lesson on how to rope by UTM rodeo coach John Luthi. Students also enjoyed a lesson in country line dancing by UTM professor Linda Ramsey. This included several students

in costume for an eclectic after-Halloween costume contest, with outfits ranging from themed cowgirls and princesses, to the crocodile hunter and a "bearded lady."

"Barn Party is a time where students can get together and have fun and fellowship with one another," said Morgan Owen, BCM director. "We live in a fast-paced society, so it gives students a chance to kick back and relax country style."

Lindsay Holder, a junior history major from Martin, was glad for the break. "Barn Party was awesome," she said. "My favorite part was learning how to line dance and the music was great, too."

"I had the most fun line dancing," agreed Lexie Cole, a junior elementary education major from Millington. "I think he [Brennan] had an incredible voice, even though I don't like country music."

If you'd like to learn more about the BCM, you can check them out on the web at [www.utmbcm.org](http://www.utmbcm.org), or give them a call at 731-587-9063.



KRISTEN CROCKER/The Pacer

Country singer Jon Brennan, famous for being on a season of MTV's "Real World," entertains the crowd at the BCM's Barn Party.

## Artists of the future

**Arthaniel Bailey III**  
*Staff Writer*

If you seek to view artistic ability, then you should have checked out an exhibition recently displayed by two students in the Fine Arts building.

Les MacDiarmid and Ji Yoon Kim displayed some of their best artwork in the senior art exhibit.

MacDiarmid is an Art major at UTM. He started his senior exhibition by passing out "serrographs" to the viewers. MacDiarmid said he was interested in art at a young age. He was discouraged in art and took a break to become a photographer. MacDiarmid was a photographer for 18 years, but he regained his confidence in his art. He started

in sports, then, once he felt confident about his work, he moved on from sports to companies.

MacDiarmid said that photography helped him with his artwork because he used some of the same techniques.

"In every photograph you can talk about how something is missing, but in painting if something is missing you can go back and change things," MacDiarmid said.

"Picasso is my favorite artist because he was imaginative, versatile, and he didn't copy reality," he said.

MacDiarmid said he doesn't have a favorite piece because all of his artwork has a special meaning to him. After graduating, he said, he plans to continue

painting.

The other outstanding artist who shared the spotlight was Ji Yoon Kim, a senior Graphic Design major, displayed images dealing with image and text. She has been in the United States for eight years, and has attended UTM for four years.

Kim is originally from South Korea and has been fascinated with art since she was young. Kim said her favorite design was a portrait of herself. The portrait was composed of her name and the text was put together to make the image of Kim's face.

"It took a lot of time to finish this piece. I spent about 10 hours on just this one design," Kim said.

## Me, Myself and I hosts the first Miss V.I.P. auditions

**Takisha Strong**  
*Staff Writer*

Last week, auditions were held for the first Miss V.I.P. Pageant.

The plus-size pageant, which stands for voluptuous, intelligent and pretty, will be held by a student-founded organization called Me, Myself and I.

In the pageant, eight women will compete for the chance to win a \$250 scholarship, a trophy and to become the spokeswoman for the organization.

Each contestant partici-

pating in the pageant must have a friendly personality, a noteworthy cause or platform and be a role model.

The founder of the organization, UTM senior Krystal Jones, says the organization held its first workshop to help the self-esteem and etiquette of young girls in June 2004.

Since that workshop, Me, Myself and I has held over a dozen more, all targeted at young girls who need a boost of self-esteem. The workshops have been held in Dyersburg, Martin, and Memphis.

The organization serves as a way that Jones can give back. Growing up with self-esteem issues and feeling like she was not good enough, she met a friend who helped change her life. She said she wants her organization to do the same for young girls.

"The pageant will be an awesome show. There will be a variety of talents from saxophones to pianist," Jones said.

The pageant will be held on Jan. 22, 2006. The cost will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for children.

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## UT Martin student recieves award from Knoxville Symphony Orchestra



**Rachel Rogers**  
*Arts & Entertainment Editor*

A UTM student has won the 2005 Knoxville Symphony Orchestra's Young Composer's Composition contest.

Justin Condron, a senior music education major from Milan, won the competition and will have his work, *Campbell Recalls the Journey*, performed by the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, Nov. 20 at the Tennessee Theatre in Knoxville. The theme of the concert is "Young Masters" and, along with Justin's composition, will feature a nationally recognized 14-year-old violinist. It will end with Grieg's Symphony in C minor by Norway's most notable composer, Edvard Grieg. This piece, one of his earliest compositions, was composed when Grieg was only 20 years old.

Condron has never taken any formal composition lessons; his writing comes strictly from music theory and his love for composition. His only instruction is from UTM theory professor Dr. Scott Roberts.

*Campbell Recalls the Journey* is described as

**Justin Condron, a senior Music Education major, was the winner of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra's first Young Master's Competition.**

a "pleasurably dark piece of music telling of a college trip taken by the composer and his friends. Beautiful horizons, unrelenting thunderstorms, funerals and swash-buckling pirates all occupy their own place in the piece."

"I was at a band camp in Milan when I found out I had won," says Condron. "My dad came out and told me I had won, and I jumped up and down for about fifteen minutes. I was elated, to say the least."

*Campbell Recalls the Journey* is Condron's first completed work for large ensemble, and, more significantly, his first attempt at composing for strings. He has previously composed two trombone solos and two trombone quartets. He has also arranged music for the UTM Low Brass Ensemble and Clarinet Ensemble.

This was the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra's first statewide competition for young composers.

All aspiring composers under the age of 25 were eligible. The composition had to be between 10 and 15 minutes in length, and completely original. It could not have been performed previously or won any other award.

"When I found out I had won, I was more relieved than anything," says Condron. "I believed the whole time that I could win it."



# Volleyball drops Alabama road games to Samford, Jacksonville State

**Brad Hurt**  
*Assistant Sports Editor*

The Skyhawk volleyball team's road woes continued this past weekend as they were swept by Jacksonville State on Friday and came up short in five games against Samford on Saturday.

The team has yet to win a true road match, although they did win on a neutral court against Louisiana-Lafayette and Arkansas-Little Rock earlier in the season.

Against JSU, the Skyhawks were out hit by an astounding tally of .465 to .067. JSU hit over .400 in each of the three games, including .500 in the second game.

UTM was led by freshman outside hitter Randi Wooldridge, who hit .667 with nine kills. The Skyhawks struggled with their service game, committing four service errors.

Defensively, the team was led by junior libero Tammy Konitzer's seven digs.

The first game went to the Gamecocks by a score of 30-12. The next two weren't much better for the Skyhawks as they fell 30-16 in game two and 30-14 in game three.

Saturday's match was much closer as the Skyhawks pushed the Lady Bulldogs of Samford to the limit in a five-game match.

Samford appeared to be in control after winning the first two games, 30-27 and 30-28. However, the Skyhawks found the fire they had lacked against JSU and fought back to tie the match and force a decisive fifth game.

They took game three by a score of 30-26 and game four, 30-20. The Lady

Bulldogs outlasted the Skyhawks in the final game, winning 15-10 to take the match, 3-2.

The Skyhawks were out hit in the match, .196 to .194. They were led by sophomore middle Sarah Jett, who hit .400 for the match, and sophomore outside hitter Jamie Hollins, who recorded a double-double with 12 kills and 10 digs.

Senior outside hitter Rebecca Palmer hit .211 with 14 kills for the Skyhawks, while sophomore middle Kathryn Sprague was dominant at the net, recording five block assists.

The Skyhawks return to Martin for their home finale on Thursday at 7 p.m. against Murray State. The team's record is now 4-28 overall and 2-12 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

# Soccer players named to All-OVC team

**Matthew Maxey**  
*Staff Photographer*

Skyhawk senior soccer player Dani Myrick and sophomore Katie Berhens have both been named to the All-Ohio Valley Conference second team.

This is Myrick's third consecutive year being named to the All-OVC team. She finished the year with eight goals and five assists. Myrick also leaves UTM as the leader in career goals scored with 35.

Behrens was named to the All-OVC team for the second consecutive year. She finishes the year with six goals.

Samford University's Rebecca Bohler was named OVC Player of the year. Southeast Missouri's Lindsey Pickering was named defensive player of the year and Rebekah Clay of Murray State collected the newcomer of the year honors.

Along with Bohler and Pickering the All-OVC first team was made up of Sarah Broadbent of Austin Peay, Lee Ann Lansfeld and Sharyne Connell of Eastern Illinois, Erin Hartman and Lisa Schweppe of Southeast Missouri, Laura Oppgard and Krista Llewellyn of Murray State, Heather Birdsall of Samford, Kelly Busch of Morehead State, and Joni Simmons of Tennessee Tech.

Joining Skyhawks Myrick and Behrens on the second team were goalkeeper Leslie King of Morehead, goalkeeper Christina Graul of Eastern Kentucky, defender Tara Tidwell of Austin Peay, defender Rebecca Mock of Samford, defender Sharon Young of Samford, midfielder Kim Matthews of Samford, midfielder Kathleen Hayes of Eastern Illinois, forward Rebekah Clay of Murray State and Ashley Beck of Austin Peay.

# SKYHAWK OF THE WEEK

Sophomore tailback Don Chapman was the football team's leading rusher with 107 yards, the team's leading receiver with 61 yards, and the team's leading scorer with three touchdowns Saturday afternoon in the Skyhawks' 24-21 OVC victory over Southeast Missouri State. Chapman's 100-plus yards puts him over the 1,000 rushing yards mark for the second consecutive year.



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Skyhawk tailback Don Chapman



# McMahan named OVC Scholar Athlete

**Brad Hurt**  
*Assistant Sports Editor*

Skyhawk football player Chad McMahan has been named one of six Ohio Valley Conference Scholar-Athletes for 2005-06.

Each year, three male and three female athletes receive the award for their achievements both on the field of play and in the classroom.

McMahan is a fourth-year player who has started at free safety the last three years, and is one of

four team captains for the 2005 season.

The Batesville, Miss., native has maintained a 3.79 grade point average while majoring in biology. The award requires a minimum 3.25 grade point average and conduct that brings honor to the student-athlete's school, the OVC, and the NCAA.

His academic achievements have resulted in McMahan earning a spot on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll three times.

In addition to his class-

room accomplishments, McMahan is an active leader in the UT Martin chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

He has served as a pledge educator for the fraternity and is currently the head of the fraternity's scholarship committee.

He is also affiliated with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

UTM soccer player Lindsey Tilk was one of twenty other nominees for the award.

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Skyhawks set sky as the limit for hoop season

Women looks to returning starters, junior college transfers to lead them to postseason

Amy Eddings  
Sports Editor

Junior forward Andrieka Jackson is one of only three returning starters for the 2005-2006 basketball season. She is also the Skyhawks' only pre-season All-OVC pick.

"She's a beast on the boards," said teammate and lone senior guard Keva Robinson. "She is so talented and plays with a lot of heart. She's just an awesome player."

Last season Jackson led the Skyhawks with 14.1 points and 6.1 rebounds per game. She was third in the OVC in field goal percentage (.550).

But don't praise Jackson too much. She's the first to point out that she had a lot to work on during the offseason.

"I've gotten in better shape. I had to get faster so I can move better," said Jackson. "My team expects me to play 40 minutes and I need to be able to do that."

As a team, winning on the road is something that needed to be improved upon.

"We have got to learn to focus on the road," said second year head coach Tara Tansil. "We do a better scouting job than a lot of other teams.

There's no reason we can't win those games."

"Away games are different," Robinson said. "For some reason, we can't come out on top. We don't have the great fan base on the road like we do here. Our fans are amazing!"

To help pick up these much needed road victories, the Skyhawks will look for help from their other returning starter, junior forward Deina Willingham.

"She was injured part of last year," said Jackson. "But this year she's going at it 100 percent."

"She will be an immediate leader," Tansil said. "She's really improved her game and we're going to use her a lot."

Tansil also complimented her other two returning players.

"[Robinson] is our most vocal leader and she leads by example. She is a hard worker and one of our best defenders," said Tansil.

"[Jackson] will come into her role better. She's wiser and

better with her decision making abilities."

Also coming back is sophomore forward Crystal Fuller.

"She will get to play a lot more minutes this year," Tansil said. "She still has a lot to learn, but she's picking it up fast."

With just three returning starters, the Skyhawks picked up three junior college transfer players and two freshman in the offseason.

Joining the Skyhawks this season are juniors Lakus Bonner, guard; Kimberly Cox, guard and Tracie Harris, post player. The freshman are post player Phyllisha Mitchell and guard Tristian Johnson.

"The [new players] have really meshed well," Tansil said. "They get along on and off the court. They seem focused and ready to go."

Tansil is optimistic about the different things that each of the new players brings to the team.

"Johnson has the tremendous ability to shoot, especially from three-point range," Tansil said. "Mitchell has some

of the same moves as [Jackson]. She put up 10 points and nine or 10 rebounds per game in high school."

"Harris is the big body inside that we need and Cox is a very scrappy guard and a hard worker. Bonner is very quick and can push it down the floor," Tansil said.

The biggest challenge facing the Skyhawks is getting everyone used to playing.

"We've got to get [the new players] used to Division-I basketball. The level of competition is definitely going up for them," Tansil said.

"Getting farther and winning the OVC is our main goal," Jackson said. "I'm ready for the pressure. I perform better."

"I'm going to enjoy it whether we win the OVC or not," Robinson said. "This is my last season and I've loved every minute."

"Hopefully I'm wiser," Tansil said. "It's a little easier the second time around. I'm ready. They're ready. They're ready to start beating up on the OVC."


The Skyhawks take the to court Thursday in an exhibition game against Cumberland University. Tip-off scheduled for 5:30 p.m.



MATTHEW MAXEY / The Pacer


Forward Andrieka Jackson goes for the lay-up in last season's OVC tournament loss against Tennessee Tech.

'05-'06 Ohio Valley Conference Opponent Previews




JSU returns six letterwinners, including four starters, from the '04-'05 season. Among them are senior forwards Rebecca Haynes and Cobie Carlisle. Hanyes finished last season second on the team with 11 points per game and a 41.9 three point shooting percentage. Carlisle averaged 8.9 points with 5 rebounds per game in '04-05.

Dec. 10 • Martin, Tenn.	•Location: Jacksonville, Ala.	•'04-'05 Overall Record: 15-14	•Preseason OVC pick: 4th
Jan. 28 • Jacksonville, Ala.	•Mascot: Gamecocks	•'04-'05 OVC Record/Finish: 9-7/4th	•JSU beat UTM 70-59 in their only game in '04-'05.




Morehead State looks to first year head coach Matthew Mitchell to help out their five returning starters. Among them is senior center Shelly Johnson who put up 75 blocks last year and was 13th in the nation with an OVC high 3.0 blocks per game. Also coming back is sophomore forward Anitha Smith-Williams who had 11.2 points per game and 35 total steals as a freshman.

Jan. 14 • Martin, Tenn.	•Location: Morehead, Ky.	•'04-'05 Overall Record: 5-22	•Preseason OVC pick: 9th
Feb. 13 • Morehead, Ky.	•Mascot: Lady Eagles	•'04-'05 OVC Record/Finish: 3-13/11th	•UTM beat MOR in both meetings last season.




APSU returns two starters from the '04-'05 campaign, senior guard Ashley Haynes and sophomore center Kella Reeves. Haynes was first on the team with 8.5 rebounds per game and second with 11.5 points per game. Reeves led the Lady Gavs with a 55.9 field goal percentage and picked up double-digit point totals in three games last season.

Jan. 2 • Martin	•Location: Clarksville, Tenn.	•'04-'05 Overall Record: 8-19	•Preseason OVC pick: 11th
Jan. 19 • Clarksville, Tenn.	•Mascot: Lady Governors	•'04-'05 OVC Record/Finish: 4-12/9th	•UTM beat APSU 58-64 in the only game in '04-'05.




MSU returns three of its starters from '04-'05. Among them is junior guard Ashley B. Hayes who was second on the team with 10.3 points per game and 3.3 rebounds per game. Also coming back is sophomore guard Shalee Petty. Petty led the OVC with 4.25 assists per game and had 9.4 points and 3.5 rebounds per game in her freshman season.

Jan. 21 • Martin	•Location: Murray, Ky.	•'04-'05 Overall Record: 9-19	•Preseason OVC pick: 8th
Feb. 25 • Murray, Ky.	•Mascot: Lady Racers	•'04-'05 OVC Record/Finish: 5-11/T-8th	•UTM beat MSU in both meetings last season.




SAM returns three starters for the '05-'06 season after making it's first ever postseason appearance last year. Coming back are Cora Beth Smith, a senior guard who led the team with 10.2 points per game and picked up 3.9 boards each time out. Also returning is junior forward Veronica Pike who was second to Smith with 9.8 points per game and 4.2 rebounds per game.

Jan. 5 • Martin, Tenn.	•Location: Birmingham, Ala.	•'04-'05 Overall Record: 13-15	•Preseason OVC pick: 5th
Jan. 26 • Birmingham, Ala.	•Mascot: Bulldogs	•'04-'05 OVC Record/Finish: 6-10/7th	•UTM beat SAM 66-58 in their one game in '04-05.




SEMO is returning three starters out of six letterwinners this season. Most notably is the OVC Player of the Year, Tatiana Conceicao. The senior forward averaged 17.6 points per game and an overall field goal percentage of .515, good enough to put her in the top 50 in the nation in both categories. Also coming back is Wanika Owsley, a senior guard, who had 100 assists and a 71.8 free throw percentage as a junior.

Feb. 4 • Cape Girardeau, Mo.	•Location: Cape Girardeau, Mo.	•'04-'05 Overall Record: 22-8	•Preseason OVC pick: 2nd
Feb. 18 • Martin, Tenn.	•Mascot: Redhawks	•'04-'05 OVC Record/Finish: 14-2/2nd	•SEMO beat UTM in both games last season.




TSU returns just one starter among five letterwinners for the '05-'06 season. The lone starter coming back is senior guard Quaneicia Fletcher who ranked in the top 50 in the nation with an OVC best 2.71 steals per game and an average of 8.1 points per game. Joining her is the teams top scorer, senior guard Leslie Dean, who averaged 10.8 points per game and a 29.7 three-point field goal percentage.

Jan. 7 • Nashville, Tenn.	•Location: Nashville, Tenn.	•'04-'05 Overall Record: 11-17	•Preseason OVC pick: 6th
Feb. 9 • Martin, Tenn.	•Mascot: Lady Tigers	•'04-'05 OVC Record/Finish: 8-8/T-5th	•UTM split the series with TSU in '04-'05.




EKU welcomes back two starters and nine letterwinners from their OVC Championship team. The two are Ashley Cazee, a sophomore guard, and Laura Shelton, a senior guard. Cazee finished last season second in the nation in three point percentage (.496) and was the OVC Freshman of the Year. Shelton averaged 9.8 points per game and was third in the OVC with a 83.1 free throw percentage.

Jan. 30 • Martin, Tenn.	•Location: Richmond, Ky.	•'04-'05 Overall Record: 23-8	•Preseason OVC pick: 3rd
	•Mascot: Lady Colonels	•'04-'05 OVC Record/Finish: 15-1/1st	•EKU beat UTM in both meetings in '04-'05.



EIU has three starters among its six returning players for the '05-'06 season. Senior forward Megan Sparks was the team's leading scorer last season, averaging 10.2 points per game and had a total of 89 assists. Megan Casad, a junior guard, also returns after posting an average of 2.6 boards and 7.7 points per game last season.

Jan 12 • Charleston, Ill.	•Location: Charleston, Ill.	•'04-'05 Overall Record: 10-17	•Preseason OVC pick: 10th
Feb. 11 • Martin, Tenn.	•Mascot: Panthers	•'04-'05 OVC Record/Finish: 3-13/T-10th	•UTM split the series with EIU in '04-'05.



TTU will be welcoming back a trio of starters this season. Among the returners are Martin-native Kendell Cavin. The sophomore guard averaged 12.9 points per game in her freshman season and had scored in the double-digits in 21 games. Leading the team will be Emily Christian, a senior guard, who led the OVC and was 15th in the nation with 19.5 points per game and had a free throw percentage of .765.

Feb. 2 • Martin, Tenn.	•Location: Cookeville, Tenn.	•'04-'05 Overall Record: 21-8	•Preseason OVC pick: 1st
Feb. 15 • Cookeville, Tenn.	•Mascot: Golden Eaglettes	•'04-'05 OVC Record/Finish: 13-3/3rd	•TTU beat UTM in the regular and post-season.